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SUBJ: ENERGY CONSUMPTION PATTERNS.

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1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, FOLLOWING ARE STATISTICS ON CONSUMPTION, IMPORTS AND COMESTIC PRODUCTION OF COAL, NATURAL GAS AND CRUDE OIL. NOTE THAT GOA STATISTICS DO NOT PROVIDE SEPARATE VALUE FIGURES FOR CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION. THUS, TOTAL VALUE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTION (ITEM D) COVERS VALUE OF PRODUCTION OF CRUDE OIL, NATURAL GAS, NATURAL GAS CONDENSATE, ETHANE, PROPANE AND BUTANE. (ALL VALUES IN A\$'000).

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FROM FY73

A. BLACK COAL

I. APP. CONSUMPTION

('000 TONNES) 32,083 33,999 32,002 -5.8

II IMPORTS

VALUE 211 160 209 30.6

VOLUME

(TONNES) 15,025 10,084 8,053 -20.1

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III PRODUCTION

VALUE 330,504 390,980 449,855 15.1

VOLUME

('000 TONNES) 53,549 59,755 59,833 0.1

B. NATURAL GAS

I APP. CONSUMPTION

(M.CU.M.) 2,628 3,713 4,403 18.6 II IMPORTS NIL NIL NIL

III PRODUCTION

VOLUME (M.CU.M) 2,628 3,713 4,403 18.6

C. CRUDE OIL

I APP. CONSUMPTION

('000 CU.M.) 27,046 27,503 33,279 21.0

II IMPORTS

VALUE 83,954 71,714 244,062 240.3

VOLUME

('000 CU.M.) 8,148 6,884 10,139 47.3

III PRODUCTION

VOLUME

('000 CU.M.) 19,038 20,669 23,162 12.1

D. PETROLEUM

VALUE OF PROD. 271,981 311,903 NOT AVAIL.

2. RE PARAGRAPH 2 REFTEL, NEIGHER PRESENT NOR FORMER GOA HAVE INITIATED MEASURES TO CONSERVE OIL. MINISTER FOR MINERALS AND ENERGY CONNOR HAS CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO CONSIDER RAISING PRESENT CEILING ON DOMESTIC CRUDE OIL, WHICH IN EFFECT MAKES AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED CRUD AMONG THE CHEAPEST IN THE WORLD. CEILING IS DUE FOR REVIEW THIS YEAR BUT THERE IS AS YET NO INDICATION THAT CONNOR WILL MEET INDUSTRY REQUESTS TO RAISE IT SUBSTANTIALLY. ALL THE OIL COMPANIES ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT PROPOSED RETAIL PRICE INCREASES TO GOA'S PRICES JUSTIFICATION TRIBUNAL. IN PAST, PJT HAS ALLOWED INCREASES WHICH HAVE NOT EXCEEDED OVERALL DOMESTIC INFLATION RATE. UNCLASSIFIED

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CERTAIN STATE GOVERNMENTS HAVE INCREASED GASOLINE TAXES MARGINALLY AS REVENUE COVERING MEASURES. HOWEVER, PRICES OF GASOLINE AND RELATED PRODUCTS IN AUSTRALIA HAVE NOT EXCEEDED THE OVERALL HIGH INFLATION RATE AND DEMAND RESTRAINT HAS BEEN MINIMAL. GREEN

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